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Celebrating Winter – Fridley Style

Approximately 900 guests rallied to celebrate Old Man Winter at this year's Winterfest. Inside the Fridley Community Center, guests enjoyed everything from snowball fighting to mad science experiments to making snow. Outdoors at Commons Park, the Youth Hockey Mites took to the ice, kids hit the sledding hill and a horse-drawn sleigh circled the park.

Around every corner was a new surprise. Special guests like Olaf gave warm hugs, while live turtles from Springbrook poked their heads out to say hello. The

young and the young-at-heart slipped into snowshoes and toasted a treat at the bonfires. There was dancing, snowball launching, and even a race for the annual medallion prize (congratulations to the Vue family of Brooklyn Center).

Not a surprise, the dog sled rides once again took top billing for the hottest Winterfest attraction! Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate winter fun – we cannot wait for next year!



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Paint Night Out on the Town at the next Springbrook Discovery Dinner! March 17: Paint & Sup with Laurel Sundberg

Join artist and naturalist Laurel Sundberg for an evening of painting, socializing, food, and fun. Learn from Laurel's artistic expertise as she guides us through painting a songbird. We'll explore color in depth and use time-honored artist's methods to create a unique painting that is yours to keep at the end of the evening. Light dinner will be offered to keep those creative juices flowing. Please wear clothing you can get paint on, or bring an apron.

Saturday, March 17, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Springbrook Nature Center
Cost: \$35 per person (includes supplies and refreshments)
Register by March 9, call (763) 572-3588.



We all have a story. What's yours?
What recent moment has made you smile?

We invite you to share your #EverydayMoments in #Fridley.



SEE IT.



SNAP IT.



SHARE IT.



TAG IT.

#EverydayMoments in #Fridley



40+ Years of Leadership

In 1977, Jack Kirk showed up to Fridley City Hall for his first day of work, and he spent the next 14 hours meeting people. From day one, he set out to build connections and partnerships, and 41 years later that is his legacy.

Jack’s contributions to the quality of life in Fridley is immeasurable; his list of honors and accolades too lengthy to print, and yet he is quick to deflect recognition. “You don’t do the job alone, you need to work as a team,” he explains. “The people I’ve met over the years in Fridley have been phenomenal.”

Jack rolled with huge changes over the course of his career – from pen and paper registrations to electronic payments by cell phone. Wooden playground equipment (we do not miss those slivers) have been upgraded to colorful plastics and metals. New sports such as soccer, lacrosse and inline skating/ skateboarding have surged in popularity; and development in the City has soared. Yet with all the advancements he has seen and been a part of, there are three moments that hold a special place in Jack’s heart:

- Opening of Fridley Community Park (early 80s) – It went on to become one of the best athletic complexes in the state.
- Converting an old elementary school into the Fridley Community Center (mid to late 90s)
- Receiving a \$5 million state grant for the renovation and expansion of Springbrook Nature Center, and then taking part in the opening

celebrations for the new center (2016). Jack was one of the first to spot the tornado that hit Fridley in July 1986. Imagine a huge state softball tournament at Fridley Community Park, strange weather, approximately 5:00 p.m., teams just arriving. Jack was the tournament director that day, and as another staff member pointed out the “smoke” in the sky, Jack called the police to check for weather alerts. There were none.

As he watched the sky, he called them back minutes later. “I’ve got to be looking at a tornado forming,” he said. Within a minute, it touched down.

At the time, Jack did not know how far away that tornado was hitting ground. Coaches hurried kids into the park’s shelter and to basement homes in nearby neighborhoods. Later Jack would learn that the tornado landed in Springbrook Nature Center, spending a total of 16 minutes completely altering the park’s landscape.

Just as Springbrook rebuilt from the devastation of that tornado, Fridley has a long history of community strength, and Jack sees that continuing. “I have high hopes for Fridley moving into the future,” he says, as he points to the energy, vitality and potential of Springbrook Nature Center and the future civic complex. Jack retired on January 31, but his legacy in building relationships will continue.

What’s on tap for Jack Kirk? Well, he has a long list of home projects that he is excited to tackle, unlimited golf games on the horizon, and, as a big advocate of life-long learning, he plans to take some meteorology classes (perhaps that tornado planted a seed). Priority number 1 is to keep up with four active grandchildren and catch all those small moments that matter most. After all, it has always been about making connections.

From all of us at City Hall and on behalf of the entire Fridley community, thank you, Jack, for your years of service and for paving the way to a bright Fridley future.



Your Questions

Introducing a new feature where you have the chance to ask us a question! In every issue we will choose one of your questions to share with our readers.

Have a question?
Submit it online at
www.FridleyMN.gov/AskUs



This month’s question: Does Fridley have a curfew?

Our answer: Yes. The saying is “nothing good happens after midnight,” and Fridley history has shown this to be true—at least for young adults. A significant percentage of youth crime occurs at night. In an effort to protect kids and teens from becoming victims and to detour juvenile crime, we do enforce a curfew for those under the age of 18 years (City Code Chapter 801).

- **Sunday-Thursday:**
Under 16 years – 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
16 and 17 years – 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- **Friday-Saturday:**
Under 16 years – 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
16 and 17 years – midnight to 5:00 a.m.

During these times, kids and young adults cannot be present in any public place or establishment within the City. There are a few exceptions to this rule. For example, a juvenile is not breaking the law if he/she is with a parent, traveling to/from work or an organized school or church activity, or in an emergency situation.

To read all the details regarding Fridley’s curfew, visit the City’s website at FridleyMN.gov and type “curfew” or “Chapter 801” into the search box. When in doubt, dial 9-1-1 to report an immediate concern and one of our officers will investigate.

Working for You

Introducing the “People” department. Nothing is constant but change; change in technology, demographics, social issues, and trends. As we continue to evolve and the digital world continues to advance, we find that the ways we connect with you are also changing. Now is the time to evaluate how we can serve you better.

Working within our staffing budget and talents, we asked our team to evaluate current needs and predict future trends. In doing so, we discovered new partnerships aimed to create an even more connected community.

This people-focused team combines communications, human resources and recreation into one combined department for improved service and outreach. This new department, Community Services and Employee Resources, will coordinate recruitment and staffing, park facilities and rentals, recreation programs, Springbrook Nature Center activities, City events; and communication efforts, including social media, City website, newsletters, graphic design needs, electronic communications, video production, and other ways to connect with you.

One of the first efforts to improve our service to you is by upgrading online registrations. New software will make it quicker and easier to find the classes, camps and programs you want, and to pay and register online even from your smartphone. Our timeline to get this



service upgraded is still being finalized, but you can expect an easier registration experience later this year.

Debbie Dahl, previously the Director of Human Resources, began supervision of this combined department in February after Jack Kirk retired from his long-time position as Director of Parks and Recreation. Debbie has a master’s degree in organizational management and a bachelor’s degree in recreation. Her extensive experience in a variety of areas is a huge benefit to the City, and her passion for art and outreach will bring new ideas for community services and events.

We look forward to working together with you to build upon Fridley’s long history of community strength.

“This is a Hold-Up”

Imagine a group of cowboys and cowgirls riding up to City Hall in a makeshift stagecoach and barging in on a City Council meeting with guns in hand. Today, that situation would escalate very quickly, but in 1974, this is how the ‘49er Days celebration was announced.

“The Outlaws” were the equivalent of an over-the-top infomercial. They spent countless hours promoting the launch of ‘49er Days in an old-fashioned, grassroots effort. They started by holding the Council Chambers hostage until each member purchased a ‘49er Days button, then continued the theatrics all over town at ballfields and businesses—just about anywhere people were gathered.

Today the western theme is a little dated, harassment is not okay and, well, guns have always been scary, but the tradition of ‘49er Days continues (although fireworks have replaced firearms). We invite you to celebrate Fridley: June 14 and June 16.

Planning for 2018 is underway – thanks to new volunteers, new committee leadership and the dedicated guidance of long-time organizer Sue Johnson.

Here’s what we know so far:

June 14: Fridley Lions ‘49er Days Parade returns to Thursday evening



June 16: Full Day of Festival Events

- Fun for kids of all ages
- Inflatables
- DJ
- Evening live band
- Beer/wine tent
- Fridley all-school reunion
- Food
- BBQ contest

...and, weather permitting, the evening will conclude with an amazing fireworks display!

More to come! Stay in-the-know by checking the City’s website at FridleyMN.gov/49erdays or following the volunteer committee on Facebook at facebook.com/fridley.days

The Latest: Now accepting applications for the Fridley Lions ‘49er Days Parade. Find details and an application online at FridleyMN.gov/49erdays.

Fridley Community Calendar

March

- 1 HRA Meeting
- 5 Charter Commission
- 5 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 10 Recycling Drop-off at Green Lights Recycling
- 12 City Council Meeting
- 13 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission
- 21 Planning Commission
- 26 City Council Meeting
- 28 Coffee with Cops at Dunn Bros Coffee

April

- 2 Charter Commission
- 2 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 4 Appeals Commission
- 5 HRA Meeting
- 9 City Council Meeting
- 10 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission
- 18 Planning Commission
- 23 City Council Meeting
- 25 Coffee with Cops at Starbucks Coffee

NOTE: City Council and Commission meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Municipal Center, 6431 University Avenue NE. The public is welcome.

Hearing impaired persons who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids and would like to attend a meeting, should contact Roberta Collins at (763) 572-3500 at least one week in advance.



Fred might not know much about HOPS but he sure knows his HOPS

Fridley Liquor:
Top pick for March Madness



Two convenient locations:
University Ave or Hwy 65
FridleyLiquor.com



SPRING/SUMMER

Registration is underway! Now is the time to start thinking of summer fun – get your team together and sign up for adult softball. The Co-Rec league plays on Fridays (\$625) and the Mens’ leagues offer options Sunday-Thursday (\$710-\$780).

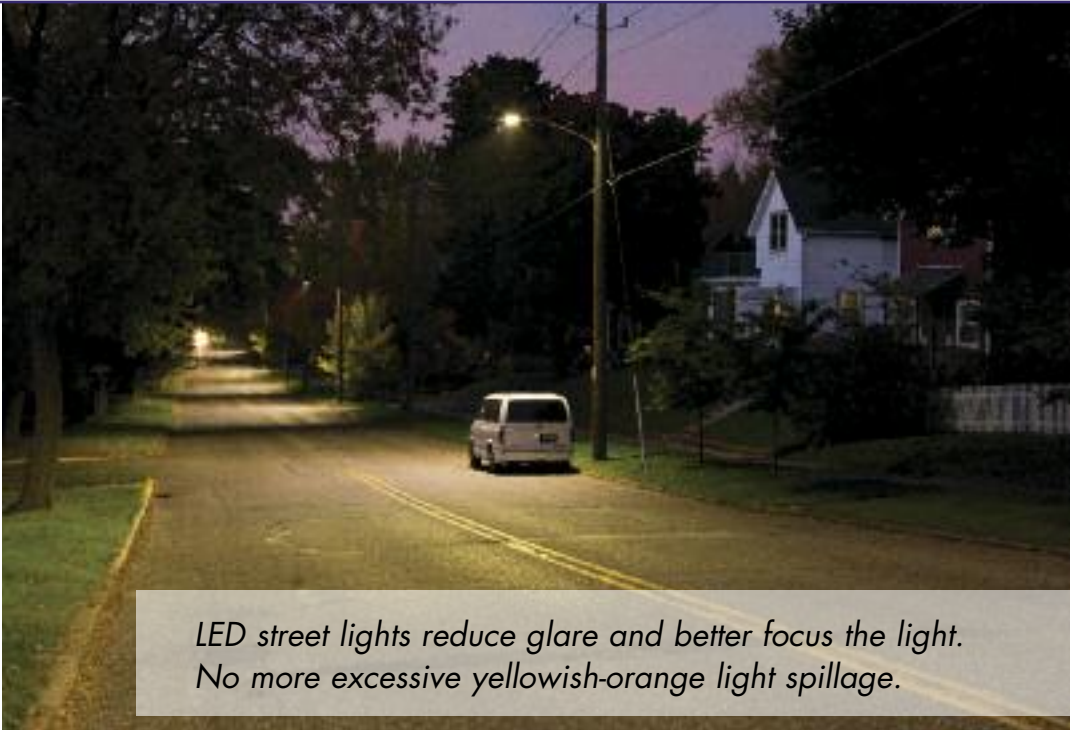
Entry fees include softballs and umpires. All teams play at Community Park. Hurry and reserve your spot now – they fill up fast!

(763) 572-3588 • FridleyMN.gov/recreation

DID YOU KNOW...?

Fridley roots grow deep! ‘49er Days was named to commemorate Fridley’s first active settlement in 1849 and the year Fridley was incorporated as a village in 1949. The celebration was launched to celebrate the City’s 25th anniversary and has continued ever since.





LED street lights reduce glare and better focus the light. No more excessive yellowish-orange light spillage.

5 Ways the City is Saving Energy (And How You Can Do It At Home)

Is nighttime looking a little different? It is not your imagination! This spring, Xcel Energy is changing 879 bulbs in Fridley street lights from High Pressure Sodium to newer LED technology. These new lights will have less glare, less light pollution, and lower energy consumption. The City’s energy savings from switching to LED lights is estimated at 27,468 kilowatt hours per month. That adds up to a reduction of almost 350,000 pounds of CO₂ in the atmosphere and \$6,000 off the electric bill every year!

Switching to LED lights is one of the many ways we can save energy and costs. Read on to learn about how the City is saving energy and what you can do at home:

1) Replacing Lights

What the City Did: In addition to switching to LED street lights, the City has retrofitted exterior and interior lights at City Hall with LED lights.

What You Can Do: Switch your incandescent lights to ENERGY STAR® qualified CFL and LED lights. LEDs are 80% more efficient than incandescent bulbs and can last 25 times as long. Need to get rid of fluorescent bulbs? Bring them to the Anoka Household Hazardous Waste Facility or one of the City’s drop-off events to recycle for free (the next event is March 10).

2) Evaluate Building Energy Efficiency

What the City Did: The City met with Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy prior to the construction of

the new civic campus to identify cost and energy saving opportunities. In addition to a decreased energy bill, the City will receive a rebate over \$43,000 to install energy conservation measures such as high-efficiency HVAC and hot water heater systems, occupancy sensor controls for temperature, automatic dimming and motion-activated lighting, and Energy-Star® appliances in the new facility.

What You Can Do: Evaluate your home’s efficiency with a Home Energy Squad Enhanced Visit. This program, supported by the Fridley HRA offers a discounted rate of \$50 for Fridley homeowners. It includes installation of energy saving devices, an insulation inspection, and more. Visit www.FridleyMN.gov/homeimprovements for more information.

3) Use Water Wiser

What the City Did: The City installed Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) at its water treatment plants. These devices adjust the speed of the electric motors in our water pumps so that they only work as hard as needed. It is estimated that VFDs can reduce a pump’s energy use by as much as 50%.

What You Can Do: Do not pay for energy you are not going to use. Turn off lights and turn down the heating/cooling when you are asleep or away. Even better? Use a smart or programmable thermostat that automatically adjusts temperature settings to your preferences.

4) Think about transportation:

What the City Did: Many of the City’s vehicles accept flex fuel which uses less energy per gallon than traditional fuel.

What You Can Do: About 29% of U.S. energy consumption is used to transport goods and people. You can decrease your transportation-related energy use by using higher efficiency fuels or an electric vehicle. A DC Fast Charging station, which can charge an electric vehicle in less than 20 minutes, is located at the Fridley Goodwill. Interested in getting out of the car more? Find resources on biking, walking, and public transportation in Fridley at www.FridleyMN.gov/commute.

5) Go Alternative

What the City Did: Springbrook Nature Center uses a geothermal heating and cooling system powered by the internal temperature of the Earth to maintain building temperatures instead of electricity or natural gas.

What You Can Do: Many parts of Fridley are perfect for solar panels. Most roof-top solar projects only require a building permit prior to installation—check with the City for more information. Not interested in solar on your own roof? Xcel Energy has many options for powering your home with off-site solar and wind energy; some programs even come with a bill credit.

Time to Clean Those Streets

Who has spring fever? We do! Our street sweepers are eager to get all that salt and sand off the roads. Predicting Minnesota weather is always a fun challenge – finding the sweet spot between the end of snowfall and before spring rains. We cannot give you an exact date (our jobs would be a whole lot easier if we could), but our aim is for late March/early April.

Street sweeping is essential to remove winter debris buildup before spring rains wash it into the City’s storm sewer system, which leads directly to water bodies like Moore Lake, Locke Lake and the Mississippi River. This is one of many efforts we take in the fight against stormwater pollution. You can help! Be a champion for clean water – it is as easy as picking up that dog poop, sweeping near your local storm drain after a windy day, or installing a beautiful rain garden.



First we sweep; then we flush. The water gushing down your street next month is not reason to be alarmed. Hydrant flushing occurs twice a year, spring and fall, when the City flushes its water mains through the fire hydrants. This accomplishes two things:

1. It clears the water mains of small amounts of sediment like iron or manganese that settles over time.
2. It verifies that the hydrants are in good working order.

Hydrant flushing is also weather dependent, but is estimated to take place in early-to-mid April. During flushing, deposits from water lines may create a yellowish to brownish discoloration of water in homes near the flushing area. While this water is safe for drinking, it may discolor laundry. If discoloration lasts longer than two days, call us at (763) 572-3566. You may also call this number for current flushing locations and updated information.



Curbside Organics Collection Now in Fridley

Organics Collection = Less Waste, New Jobs, Valuable Compost

Similar to recycling bottles and cans into new, useful materials, organics collection does the same by transforming everyday waste like food scraps and paper towels into soil compost (which in turn helps grow more food and the cycle continues).

Now it is easier than ever to be part of the solution with curbside organics collection.

What are organics?

- All food scraps (fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, bones)
- Dairy products
- Eggs, eggshells and paper egg cartons
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Food-soiled paper napkins and paper towels
- Facial tissues
- Pizza boxes
- Animal and human hair
- Cotton balls and cotton swabs (without chemicals)
- Wooden sticks (popsicle, toothpicks, chopsticks)
- Certified compostable plates, cups, utensils and bags

That is a lot of items out of your garbage—you might need a smaller garbage cart!

What is curbside organics collection?

Similar to your curbside recycling, you collect organics in your home (in compostable or paper bags), place your bagged organics (plus pizza boxes and egg cartons) in your organics cart, and take it to the curb in time for weekly Wednesday collection.



What does it cost?

This is a voluntary program. For those who sign up, it will cost \$10/month and billed every 90 days by the service provider, Republic Services. This cost includes weekly collection, a free 30-gallon organics collection cart, and free kitchen pail and compostable bags while supplies last. Kitchen pails and compostable bags, will be available for pickup at Fridley City Hall or Springbrook Nature Center during normal operating hours.

How do I sign up?

Visit FridleyMN.gov/organics or call (763) 572-3594. Service begins April 4. Details are available online, or you can give us a call and we would be happy to answer your questions.

Special Offer: One month free for the first 300 subscribers!

Coffee with Cops

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, March 28	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Dunn Bros Coffee: 7610 University Ave
Wednesday, April 25	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Starbucks Coffee: 5300 Central Ave
Wednesday, May 30	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Fridley City Hall: 6431 University Ave

Stop by and chat with Fridley Officers. Bring your family, neighbors, concerns, questions and ideas! Let’s partner for a safe community.



Block Captain Meeting Reminder:

The annual meeting for current Police Block Captains will be held on Thursday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Fridley City Hall, Council Chambers.

Block Captains are an essential partnership for Fridley police and the community. They assist in neighborhood safety meetings, sharing information and crime alerts with neighbors, organizing Night to Unite events, and they receive monthly crime prevention training to share with others to help keep our community safe. If you are interested in becoming a Block Captain, reach out to Courtney Miller at Courtney.Miller@FridleyMN.gov or (763) 572-3626.

Spring into Home Upgrades

What home project have you been putting off? Need new windows? Time for that dream kitchen? The Lending Center can help make your home improvement projects a reality.

Fridley has partnered with the Lending Center to provide low-interest financing for your home improvement projects, with rates as low as 4.5% (APR 4.502%*). They offer flexible terms to help make monthly payments affordable. Income limits may apply.

Most interior and exterior home improvement projects are eligible. Examples include:

- Energy upgrades
- Remodeling
- Windows
- Doors
- Roofing

Not sure where to start? Schedule a FREE visit from a remodeling advisor. They can get you started with ideas, evaluate needed repairs and improvements, and even assist with reviewing bids. It all starts with one call: (612) 335-5856.

Visit mnlendingcenter.org to learn more about these home loan programs. The Lending Center at the Center for Energy and Environment is a Minnesota nonprofit that has been helping homeowners for nearly 40 years.

**APR is based on a loan amount of \$50,000 for a 20-year term.*

SENIOR GOLF LEAGUE

Fore! Get out and get golfing – Fridley’s Senior Golf League plays at Brightwood Hills Golf Course in New Brighton. League play begins Thursday, May 3, and is structured for both beginners and experienced players. \$225

Organizational Meeting:
Thursday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m.
at Fridley City Hall – 6431 University Ave

K - 5 SPRING BREAK FUN

There is still time! You do not have to get on an airplane for an amazing spring break vacation – join our stay-cations! Transportation provided to/from the Fridley Community Center. Field trip hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Extended hours, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., are available for an additional \$8/day fee.

Monday, March 26:	The Works Museum, \$29
Tuesday, March 27:	Fridley Middle School Pool Tropical Escape, \$20
Wednesday, March 28:	Air Maxx Trampoline Park, \$29
Thursday, March 29:	MN Science Museum and Omnitheater, \$29
Friday, March 30:	MN Wild Woods Water Park, \$32

Sign up and get details on all these trips online at FridleyMN.gov/recreation, or call (763) 572-3570.

Get Your Hands Dirty

We need your help! Grab your work gloves and hiking boots to help keep Springbrook Nature Center and its trails clean. Bring friends and family – perfect for service organizations, church and youth groups, and neighborhoods! Light refreshments will help keep up the energy as we get Springbrook ready for spring!

Annual Springbrook Nature Center Clean Up
Saturday, April 28
9:00 a.m. – noon
Springbrook Nature Center:
100 85th Avenue, Fridley

Heart Safe Community

If your loved one showed signs of cardiac arrest, would you know what to do? Would you even be able to recognize the signs? Every year, thousands of Minnesotans die from sudden cardiac arrest events. It is the second leading cause of death in our state, and events usually occur at home or work. If you have to perform CPR, it is most likely you will be doing it on someone you know or love. Are you prepared?

Fridley Police want to make sure you are. Fridley police officers, in partnership with Fridley firefighters, are dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of all citizens living, working and traveling within our community. Together they have taken the first steps to becoming a Heart Safe Community.

What does it mean to be Heart Safe?

The mission of this program is to help communities be prepared for cardiac events. It involves placing AEDs throughout the City, providing a list of AED locations, and providing CPR and AED training and education to the public. In the coming months, look for opportunities to get involved. Free training will be provided by police and fire volunteers and is designed to show you how bystander CPR and AED can help save lives.

Heart Safe Communities, with the support of the MN Department of Health, the American Heart Association and the MN Resuscitation Consortium, aim to improve the chance of survival for anyone suffering from sudden cardiac arrest.

If you would like to help make Fridley a Heart Safe community, reach out to Courtney Miller at Courtney.Miller@FridleyMN.gov or Officer John Kotchen at John.Kotchen@FridleyMN.gov.

playful

POLLIWOGS

Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Springbrook Nature Center, 100 85th Avenue

Cost: \$4/child

Explore nature fun! Specially crafted for kids 2-5 years and their adult companions, this hands-on, fast-paced weekly class will get your creativity flowing. Each week brings new indoor and outdoor adventures.

- March 6:

March 13:

March 20:

March 27:

April 3:

April 10:

April 17:

April 24:
- Windy Weather

Waking UP!

Raise the Roof

Ninja Animals

Return of the Birds

Nature Up Close

Nature’s Newborns

Streams and Creeks

*Daycare groups: please call us at (763) 572-3588 for other options for nature programs.



Keep Your Eyes Up We are all responsible.

In recent years, there have been way too many pedestrian crossing accidents. We all have to take a proactive approach to safety, no matter if we are driving, biking or walking. It is easy to get distracted (music, cell phones, daydreaming), and that goes for both pedestrians and drivers, but it is also easy to keep your eyes up and pay attention to your surroundings.

Pedestrians:

- Look both ways.
- Never dart into the street, especially between parked cars.
- Cross at corners, crosswalks and traffic signals.
- Wait for the WALK sign. It only takes an extra moment.
- Put the cell phone away—yes, this goes for walkers, too. You need to pay attention—see and hear vehicles and other potential dangers.
- Walking at night? Wear bright colors or reflective clothing and carry a flashlight.
- Do not jaywalk. You have to yield to vehicles anytime you are not crossing at an intersection or marked crosswalk.

Drivers:

- Put the cell phone away. Not just in your lap or on the seat—put it where you cannot see it and leave it there until you reach your destination.
- Slow down. Do not try to beat the light. Tickets and accidents will take way longer than waiting through the traffic light cycle.
- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks. They have the right-of-way.
- Watch for pedestrians at intersections, especially when turning.
- Drivers Ed 101: any intersection, whether marked or unmarked, is technically a crosswalk. If there is no traffic signal at an intersection, pedestrians have the right-of-way.
- Drivers cannot pass another vehicle that is stopped for a pedestrian crossing.



- Failure to obey traffic laws is a misdemeanor, and a second violation within one year is a gross misdemeanor.

Simple, right? Keep your eyes up. Let’s partner for a safe community and make sure everyone gets to where they need to be.

Did you know...? Since 2015, there have been five pedestrians hit and killed in Fridley, all on University Avenue. Fridley maintains a large commuter population, including regular heavy foot traffic and vehicles traveling at high speeds.

Our Plan

1. Education: Public reminders of traffic and pedestrian laws, rules and the importance of staying alert and limiting distractions.
2. Accountability: Increasing police presence, visibility and enforcement of pedestrian laws.
3. Predict the Future: Proactive efforts to gather relevant data and conduct research to determine/predict current and future trends in pedestrian traffic. Plan resources toward areas such as additional traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures.

Watch for future campaigns, signage and social media outreach regarding pedestrian safety, and expect an increased police presence of both uniformed and ununiformed officers in key areas, especially during morning and afternoon rush hours.

Springbrook Summer Camps

Registration Now Open

"My child LOVES it!"

"Best camp EVER!"

Kids ages 5-12 love our theme weeks and wild adventures.

These week-long day camps run Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Springbrook camps fill up fast! Don't miss this chance for your child to recharge in nature, meet new friends, develop a love for the outdoors and build lifelong memories.

Returning this summer:
Springbrook’s popular FAMILY CAMP, \$30/resident, a day filled with fun for the whole family: July 3 or July 5.

July 11-15:	Wild Child	July 23-27:	Eco-Warriors
June 18-22:	Habitat Sweet Habitat	July 30- Aug 3:	Wetland Wonders
June 25-29:	Roughin’ It	Aug 6-10:	Wild Child
July 9-13:	Outdoor Imagineers	Aug 13-17:	Earth Artists
July 16-20:	Camp Classics	Aug 20-24:	Creature Feature

Resident Cost: \$145/week (\$155/week for non-residents)

Call TODAY: (763) 572-3588 or register online at www.springbrooknaturecenter.org.

Adventure awaits



The Power of Play

It is more than just a game. It is about impact, making a connection, relating to kids on a stronger level. The Police Activity League is about more than play; it is about making a difference.

Several of Fridley’s officers are hometown grown – they learned in Fridley schools, played in our parks, attended civic events, and have a deep connection to the community. For these officers, mentoring is especially meaningful and an essential part of why they choose to serve.

“I was born and raised in Fridley. I went to Fridley High School,” says program leader Officer Patrick Faber. “I had great role models, especially Fridley officers active with the schools, and I want to pay that forward. It is important kids see us as normal people, not robots, and not in the negative light media often portrays. We are doing very positive things.”

Efforts such as Safety Camp, Arrive Alive, the Police Explorer Program and School Resource Officers have seen tremendous results over the years. Last spring, officers continued that trend with the launch of the Police Activity League (PAL).

“Kids can change the world, and that includes the problems and attitudes in law enforcement today,” says Faber. “The more open we are, and the more kids get involved, the brighter the future will be for us all.”

PAL saw a huge response from day one. Officers traded their uniforms for coaching whistles and joined 50 middle school students on the court. It started with basketball, then soccer, and will continue to grow with a variety of activities. In February/March they developed teamwork in various gym games, went out for pizza and a movie, learned to play pool and even showed off mad skills during a talent show. Always side-by-side—kids and officers.

Funding for PAL is provided by the Police Department’s drug and alcohol forfeiture funds, and it is a collaborative effort between Fridley Police, recreation staff and the Fridley School District. The goal is to encourage team building, foster positive relationships, and open discussions on difficult subjects that affect today’s youth.

If you would like more information on PAL, contact your School Resource Officer or give Fridley Police a call at (763) 572-3629.



MN Severe Weather Awareness Week April 9 – 13

Would you be ready if severe weather strikes? This is the perfect time to make and practice your own emergency plan and build an emergency preparedness kit.

What to Expect:

Statewide Drills — Thursday, April 12 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA Weather Radios will sound in a simulated tornado warning.

Schools and businesses will practice emergency plans during these times. Parents, teach your kids what this sounds means and what to do when they hear it.

Build a Home Emergency Kit

- Bottled water – a gallon per person is recommended
- Non-perishable food – soups, stews, canned pasta, things that do not require refrigeration
- Flashlight and spare batteries
- Whistle – in the event that you become trapped, a small whistle can signal help
- Basic set of household tools
- First aid kit
- Dust masks
- Plastic garbage bags – good for a number of uses including waterproof covers
- Battery powered radio

The idea is to have enough supplies on hand for a couple days in a place that is easy to grab in case of an emergency.

Don’t Miss... The 28th Annual Fridley Historical Society Lasagna Dinner, Sweepstakes and Live Auction

Support local history with this lively fundraiser.

**Saturday, April 21,
starting at 4:30 p.m.**

Fun, Food, Friendship and more!
Enjoy a delicious lasagna dinner complete with salad, bread, beverage and dessert.

Fridley American Legion Post #303
7365 Old Central Ave NE

Call ahead for dinner tickets: (763) 571-0120



Looking for a summer job?

Want a fun way to earn extra \$\$\$\$?
FridleyMN.gov/jobs

FREE!

saturday, may 5

Environmental Fun Fair

springbrook nature center
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Discover new ways to connect to the natural environment and learn about water, energy, recycling and pollinators with hands-on activities.

- Make pollinator seed bombs or bird houses
- Discover your artistic side at nature photo stations
- Experience log rolling and pond dipping
- Visit with special guests
- Take a guided tour along the 3 miles of hiking trails
- Learn from naturalist presentations

Plus, kick off planting season with a purchase from the tree sale or learn a new skill at the Fix-It Clinic.

Fix-It Clinic

Join the hottest new trend in recycling at Fridley's Fix-It Clinic! Grab that broken lamp, busted stereo or ripped pair of jeans and bring them to the Fun Fair. Skilled volunteers will show you the ins and outs of how to disassemble your items, troubleshoot and fix them. This is perfect for clothing, electronics, small household appliances, mobile devices, toys, remote controls, fans, flashlights and other similar items. Get them fixed for FREE and impress your family with your new skills.

(We cannot guarantee that an item can be fixed, but we will certainly try. Any unfixable items must be properly disposed of by you. Do not bring in anything too big – you have to be able to carry it, and nothing that contains fluids.)

Questions? Want to volunteer at future Fix-It Clinics?
Call Us! (763) 572-3594.



FridleyMN.gov/funfair



your party at the ZONE

Rent the coolest place in town!

Available:

Saturdays: 1:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Sundays: 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

includes dance floor, pool tables, foosball, gaming system, air hockey, sound system and a host to help use everything

Youth Rental: from \$25/hour

Party Package: from \$135 (3 hours, pizza, pop and cake)

**rates also available for non-residents, adult gatherings, fundraising and non-profit organizations*

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Next Recycling & Shredding Event

Saturday, March 10,
9:00 a.m. to noon



Where: Green Lights Recycling,
1525 99th Lane NE, Blaine

What: Get a jumpstart on spring cleaning!
Drop off your old electronics, appliances, fluorescent bulbs, mattresses, scrap metal and more for recycling. Plus, free paper shredding.

Cost: Many items accepted free. Small charge for large items and quantities. Take advantage of the \$15 coupon and see website for list of items/costs.

Questions: Call (763) 572-3594 or visit the website FridleyMN.gov/dropoff

\$15 OFF

Green Lights Recycling Facility

Valid March 10, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to noon

No cash value
Limit 1 per Fridley resident
Must show proof of Fridley residence